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TEASERS

REG DWIGHT officially changed his name by deed poll to **Elton Hercules John . . . John Reid** sporting £5,500-watch and a white Rolls . . . religious song "Just Wanna See His Face" on **Stones'** album "Exile on Main Street" . . .

Worth hearing time and time again: the **Paul Simon** album . . . Radio Leicester freakin' 'em out with a Monday show from anchormen **Ron Coles, Brian Coles** and **John Mitchell** . . . manager **Roger Easterby** pulled **Chicory Tip** off Albert Hall May 17 **Roy Orbison** bill after seeing the new cestrictions . . .

Ed Welch for this week's Tokyo song festival, ah, so . . . Recent Montreux TV Festival bill had **Caravan, Khan** and **Bridget St. John** listed "Great Britain" and Lindisfarne as "Manchester" . . . Next **Sammy Davis** LP produced by **Isaac Hayes**

Recent **Congregation** hit could be revived by **Johnny Mathis:** "Softly Lispering I Love You" . . . Lack of airplay for "Comedian" **Bernard Manning's** version of **Bee Gees'** "How Can You Mend A Broken Heart" . . . **Bobby Vinton** here soon . . .

Buffy St. Marie penned "Until It's Time For You To Go" also recorded by **Bobby Darin, Glen Campbell** and **Barbra Streisand** among many more . . . **Sandy Denny** says please, **Bob Dylan,** if you're reading this, can you send her a song? . . . **Mick Abrahams'** band won't play in America: he hates flying . . . No US release for **Status Quo's** "Dog of Two Heads" LP . . .

RCA making fine headway with quadraphonic sound: and **Geoff Hannington's** a happy man . . . **Tony Hazzard** penned "Daddy Darling" movie score . . . **Bron** Agency's **Steve Barrett** a dead ringer for **Kid Jensen** . . .

New accounts for P.R. man **Bill Harry** include **Circle** people **Quintessence, Pretty Things, Syd Barrett** and **Home;** plus **Sha Na Na,** Brian Auger and Suzi Quatro . . . **Nana Mouskouri** version of "Amazing Grace" added to next live LP after rave reaction . . .

South of France break away-from-it-all this week for **Marc** and **June Bolan** — stay with NME f'all the travel news, folks . . **George Harrison** and assorted **Stones** at the **Wilson Pickett** reception . . . **Lulu's** ex-**Luvers** rounded up for TV's "This Is Your Life".

British screening soon for **George Harrison** Bangladesh movie . . . The death of the **anti-festivals Bill:** we did it together . . . **Mike D'Abo** is gonna have a biggie with new A and M album "Down At Rachel's Place" . . . Somebody invited **Jeff Dexter** and **America** to the same party . . .

Flo Bender espied at Bickershaw . . . **Kris Kristofferson** and **Rita Coolidge** ascloseasthis . . . Soon, a new **Grateful Dead** album . . . the **Yamaha** albums, goodwill and Kamikaze duo: A and M's **Mike Clifford** and **Chris Trengrove** . . .

Adge Cutler & Wurzels signed to CBS; first single is **Diamonds'** "Little Darlin' " . . . **Spencer Davis** new album with steel guitarist **Sneaky Pete Kleinow** . . . Ex **Rare Bird** man **Mark Ashton** signedwith United Artists

Gnidrolog signed with **Tito Burns** Productions . . . Former d-j **Pete Brady** back on Radio 1 as news and continuity announcer . . . Death of **Albert Hand** (64), founder of **Elvis Presley** fan magazine . . .

Musicians Union instructed **Christie** and **Edison Lighthouse** to call off Rhodesian tour . . . **Andrew Lloyd Webber** conducting London Philharmonic Orchestra for soundtrack of "Jesus Christ Superstar" film . . .

Mick Abrahams' keyboard man **Bob Sargeant** recovering from severe burns, sustained when K.O.'d by a live mike . . . **Argent** cancelled two Dutch gigs after singer **Russ Ballard** collapsed from nervous exhaustion

Cry for help from **Neil Diamond,** who needs to hire a baby grand for the duration of his British visit. Offers to Dawn at Arthur Howes' office (01-734 5202) . . .

Another nipper, a girl this time, for **Keith Richard** and **Anita Pallenberg** . . .

Original **Byrds** to together for an album? . . . Japanese gold albums for **Carpenters** "Superstar" and "Carpenters" album . . . **Buddy Greco** and **Margot Kinley** seriously . . .

Georgie Fame and **Alan Price** still as much together? . . . Not the U.K. **Alex Harvey** that's signed a songwriting contract with United Artists . . . Which Fleet Street pop writer narrowly missed assault when he asked **Ginger Baker** why he left **Traffic?**

Good news: Ray Russell's Running Man now a permanent unit, and hitting the road . . . Divided opinions in NME office on the **Jo Jo Gunne** album . . .

A fine bargain: new **U-A Greasy Truckers** party double album with **Hawkwind, Brinsley Schwarz** and **Man** all for thirty bob . . . Aside from Bangladesh live set, **George Harrison** a long time creatively following up "All Things Must Pass"? . . .

And that's all, folks. Right on - right on - right on.

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